

**Presentation Title:** Psychological and Emotional Late Effects of Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

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**Description:**

It is well known that cancer diagnosis and treatment can trigger a variety of psychological and emotional responses. The experience of some degree of distress is not uncommon during the period following cancer diagnosis and through completion of primary cancer treatment. While research suggests that distress diminishes over time and that most cancer survivors reestablish their pre-diagnosis psychological and emotional equilibrium, the cancer experience can impact the long-term psychological and emotional functioning of survivors; such psychological and emotional "late effects" can be either negative or positive in nature.

In this presentation, the nature, prevalence, and magnitude of various psychological and emotional late effects commonly evidenced by cancer survivors will be briefly reviewed. In addition, some psychological mechanisms potentially underlying the development and maintenance of these late effects will be described.

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